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WORLD'S YOUNGEST PARENTS EXPECTING 2ND BABY

DADDY Manuel Ferraz, left, and young mom Emilia with their first baby, in photo taken in 1991.

Mom's 9 years old — and dad is 13!

By TANYA BRODER
Special correspondent

Little Emilia Filho is pregnant at the age of 9 — with her second baby!

The pint-size parent gave birth to her first child Adela back in December 1990, when she was just 7 years old. At that time she and her boyfriend Manuel Ferraz, 11, were billed as the world's youngest parents.

Now doctors have confirmed she's going to have a second baby, a little boy this time.

The young mom has been seeing Manuel, now 13, and the two admit they have had sex on at least three occasions.

"We allowed Manuel to live with us because he is, after all, the father of our daughter's baby," said Emilia's father, Hermes Filho of Porto Velho, Brazil.

"But we told the children they were to leave each other alone.

"Our daughter has a hormone disorder which has caused her reproductive system to develop much earlier than normal and it is easy for her to become pregnant.

"Now we know that they can't be trusted and we are sending Manuel back to his parents' home. We will insist they live apart until their wedding three years from now."

Emilia and baby Adela in 1991

Meanwhile, Emilia is due to give birth in January, the Filhos say, and is excited about having her baby. Her daughter Adela, now almost 3, is eager to see her little brother, too.

"I've had a lot of fun playing with Adela, so I know it will be even more fun having two kids," says Emilia, who is in the fourth grade.

"I love feeding babies and changing diapers. Babies are so much better than the dollies my friends have. Manuel and I are real proud of what we've done because most kids our age can't do it. The other kids think we're real cool. They're jealous of all the attention we get."

Emilia's parents assume most of the responsibility of caring for Adela and they plan to take care of their second grandchild as well. But the couple admit they're getting tired of new additions to the family.

"We raised six of our own and now we're taking care of Emilia's kids," says Hermes, a grocer. "We don't want her having any more until she can care for them herself."

Bizarre bubblegum spill injures twelve

Twelve people were rushed to a hospital after they were overcome by bubblegum!

Fumes from the ingredient used to flavor green-apple bubblegum spread through a Decatur, Ill., factory when 20 gallons of the substance — ethyl butyrate — spilled accidentally.

"It made you feel really numb and tingly all over, like an out-of-body experience," said Linda Poston, an employee of the Decatur Industry and Technology Center where the bubblegum spill occurred.

"At one point, I started seeing little lights."

No one was seriously hurt in the incident, which

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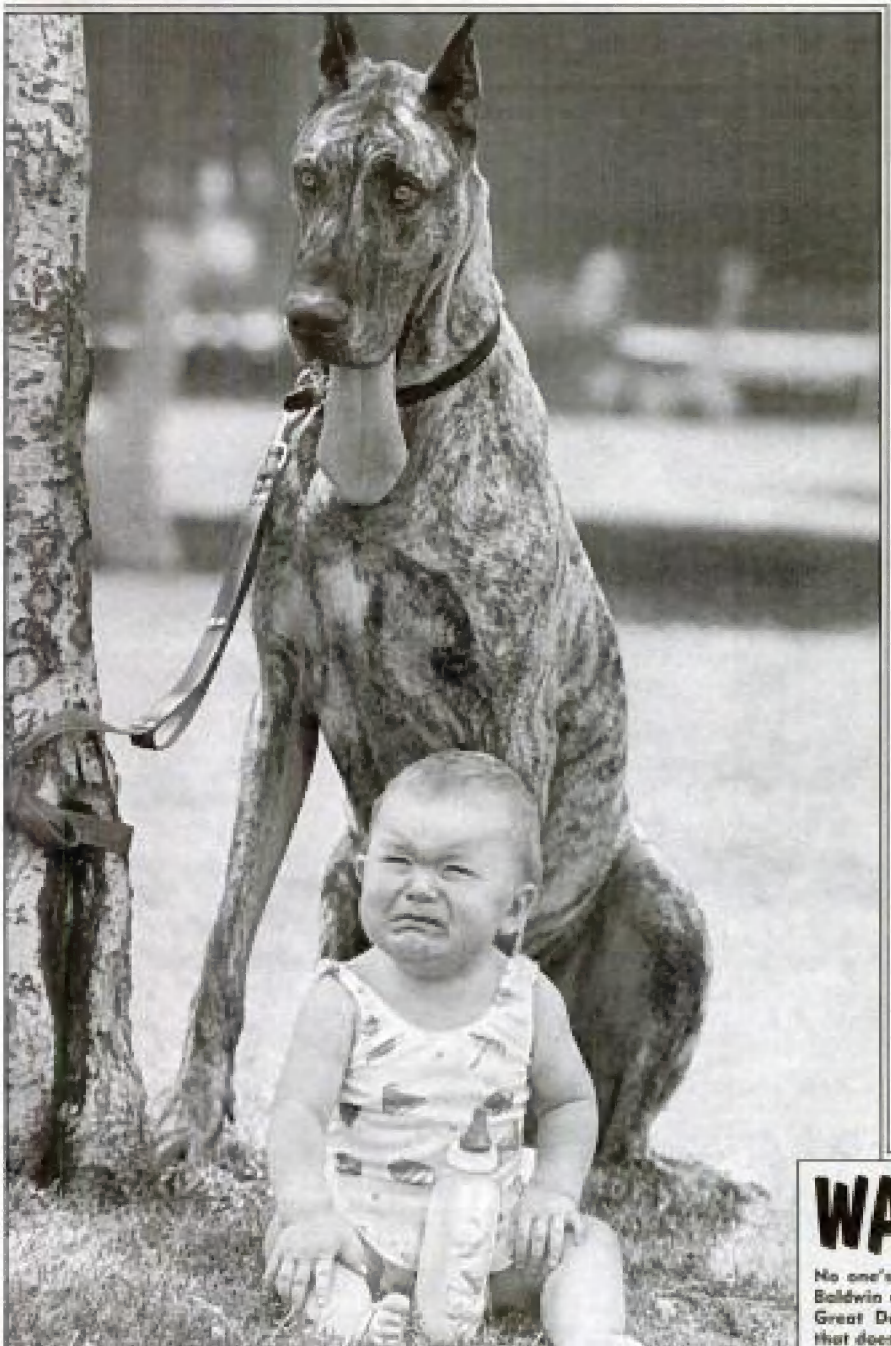
Man's suicide bullet kills pal

Frances Hall died tragically when her friend shot himself in the head — and the bullet passed through him and smashed into the 23-year-old woman's face.

DRUNK'S HEAD *RIPPED OFF*

...when he leans out truck window to puke!



Tipsy Kevin Ramsey was killed instantly when he stuck his head out the window of a speeding pickup truck to puke — and had his head torn off by an overhanging boulder!

"The poor guy never knew what hit him," said a cop who investigated the freak accident.

By CHUCK STEELE
Correspondent

Ramsey, 19, was riding in a pickup truck traveling along a mountain road near Gatlinburg, Tenn. His best pal Philip Turner, 23, was driving.

"I knew we had hit something but I wasn't sure how bad it was," said Turner, who at the time of the tragedy was home on leave from the Marine Corps.

The two buddies had spent the evening drinking beer and talking over old times in Gatlinburg before the bizarre accident, Turner testified.

"Kevin was in no condition to drive, so I told him I would drive," he added.

Ramsey got sick during the drive home and put his head out the window to vomit.

As the pickup rounded a curve, Ramsey accidentally bumped the rearview mirror with his left arm and shoulder as he leaned out the window.

When Turner reached up to fix the mirror, the truck lurched off the right side of the road and sideswiped the overhanging boulder. "I heard a thud," said the heartbroken Turner, who stopped the truck and discovered to his horror what had happened.

He pleaded guilty to drunken driving and was sentenced to a year's probation.

The grief-stricken Turner has gone through counseling and said he is still haunted by the tragedy.

No one, including the victim's parents or assistant U.S. Attorney Ed Schmutzer, wanted to put Turner in jail.

"That marine will carry this with him the rest of his life," said Schmutzer.

WATCHDOG

No one's going to mess with little Kyla Baldwin as long as Sebastian, her huge Great Dane babysitter, is around. But that doesn't seem to comfort the young-

Cops find robber's fingerprint — with his finger attached!

A bumbling bandit panicked and ripped off his pinkie finger when it got stuck in the door of a drug store he'd tried to rob.

"The man was in such a rush to get out, he just tore his finger off when it got stuck in the door," chuckled a police inspector in Lyons, France.

When the bandit tried to stick up the pharmacist the old man jumped the knife-wielding robber.

The crook decided to flee,

They're the deadliest threat to your health since AIDS...

BRAIN WORMS!

THIS artist's conception shows deadly brain worms, which can grow up to two inches long. "The victim feels tremendous pain," says Professor Little.

The deadliest threat to American health since the onslaught of AIDS is the Oriental Brain Worm, terrifying new reports warn.

Transmitted to the human body from microscopic larvae on unwashed vegetables or edible snails, the deadly worms fatten, grow up to two inches long and burrow into the brain.

The worm — called *Angiostrongylus cotonensis* — has killed countless people in the South Pacific and Southeast Asia, according to college professor M.D. Little, an expert in health and tropical medicine.

By BEATRICE DEXTER
Correspondent

It was discovered for the first time in the continental United States several months ago. "The worms go to the brain and die there," Little told *The NEWS*.

"Their presence produces an inflammation of the meninges, the covering of the brain.

"The victim feels tremendous pain from an increase in the pressure of spinal fluid. He has severe headaches.

"If he survives, he can have lasting damage." Little said the terrifying parasite had recently been found in rats which swarm over the wharfs of New Orleans.

Rats carry the worm in the early stages of its development, passing it on to land snails and slugs which contract it from eating rat waste.

The parasite reaches man in its larval stage when tiny slugs are accidently eaten with unwashed vegetables.

"Sometimes edible snails are eaten uncooked when women taste them to see if the seasoning is proper," Little said. "Or people may accidentally eat snails or slugs hidden in their salad lettuce. Small children may put snails in their mouths or eat them with dirt.

"Physicians should realize that this parasite is here, that it's a possibility in diagnosis. The parasite may spread as it has in other countries."

While deaths from the bizarre and deadly parasite are fairly common in some regions, America has reported only one death attributed to the parasite, Dr. Little said.

"In 1961 a man in Hawaii died from the parasite," he recalled. "Doctors found out what he had after he was dead. The autopsy revealed the worms in his brain. He was an Oriental gardener and no one knows how he got the parasite.

"Now the worm has been found in Cuba and in Puerto Rico and in other countries in this region. The discovery in New Orleans marks the first time it has been found in the continental United States."

Old duds are the hot new fashion trend

The newest thing in duds these days is old — used clothing that sells for big bucks in trendy department stores.

A brand called Old Friends, which describes its goods as "recycled clothing," is filling the racks at such stores as Burdines, Cignal and CMJ Enterprises.

The clothing line features used suit jackets, cleaned and spruced up with a nosegay of fake flowers in the front pocket.

Another line of used clothing — called Neil & David — decorates old suit jackets with lace or other fancy trim or chops off the sleeves to create sleeveless jackets that sell for $56 to $200 in stores like Bloomingdale's and Macy's.

Owners of the clothing companies say they purchase the used clothing, select the best for recycling and export the rest to poor countries. Teenage customers are especially fond of the vintage jackets.

"It was the right product for the right time," says Larry Cahan, women's fashion coordinator for Macy's and Bullock's. "The prices were great and the jackets are funky. People don't think about going to the junk shops for these

Robber gave $149,226 to the poor

A modern-day Robin Hood stole $149,226 from his boss and handed it out to poor people who were about to have the heat turned off in their homes.

Harley R. Higley, a frugal man with no criminal

Fuel in Buffalo, N.Y. "He would approach people standing in line to pay their bills and hand them cash," a cop said.

State Supreme Court Justice Penny Wolfgang described Higley, 63, as a Robin Hood when she sentenced him to probation and 400 hours of community service.

KILLER CATFISH

Men battle crazed creatures in bizarre attack!

By KEVIN K. CREED
Special correspondent

Fishermen Eric Blinder and Quentin Sandell were lucky to escape with their lives when a school of crazed catfish capsized their boat and slashed them mercilessly with their fins!

"It's the most horrible thing that ever happened to me," said Blinder, 41, of Jackson, Miss. "Quent and I were wetting our lines, taking it easy, when all of a sudden the water started churning like crazy.

"There were catfish hitting the surface as far as we could see and they started ramming their heads against the sides of our canoe. We tried beating them with our paddles but the damn things weren't fazed.

"The next thing I knew we were in the water with catfish all over us. I thought we were going to die."

The mind-twisting drama began when Blinder and Sandell headed out to Jackson's Ross Barnett Reservoir for a leisurely day of fishing.

The men had been on the water less than an hour and were within 50 yards of shore when Sandell noticed that the water around their canoe "was boiling with fish."

A few seconds later catfish started ramming the canoe with their heads. Sandell said the creatures literally knocked a hole in the side of the craft before it capsized, throwing both men into the water.

"All hell broke loose," said Sandell. "Catfish have razor sharp fins and they were jabbing and slicing us like all get out. I don't want to sound like a wimp, but we were lucky to get back to shore alive."

Sandell and Blinder drove themselves to the hospital where they were treated for cuts and slash wounds on their faces, arms, legs and backs. No one is sure what caused the catfish to attack their boat. But one fish and game official said: "If you ask me, they were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"Catfish aren't particularly aggressive but when food supplies are low they sometimes school and get quite violent in the pursuit of food," he said. "It's possible that the fish attacked the boat in a feeding frenzy and inadvertently knocked the men in the water.

"In that state, they would likely fin anything that got in their way, including a full-grown man."

ERIC Blinder, left, and Quentin Sandell point to hole (circled) in canoe, punched through by frenzied fish.

BIZARRE catfish attack surprised a couple of fishermen in Mississippi.

QUENTIN Sandell's left arm, at right, is heavily bandaged after crazed catfish attack.

BATTERED boat after catfish assault.

This one

OLD MAID LEAVES $600,000 TO A PIG!

WEALTHY porker Mr. Pig is the richest farm animal in Iowa.

By JACK ALEXANDER / *Staff writer*

Somewhere on a secret pig farm near Davenport, Iowa, a prize 350-pound porker is living high on the hog — thanks to a $600,000 inheritance from a rich old maid.

With a life expectancy of 18 years, that's enough money to keep the 3-year-old oinker happy as a pig in slop for the rest of his days.

Mr. Pig and a dog named Calamity Jane became the richest animals in Iowa's Scott County the day eccentric farm owner Margo Lamp died at 81 in 1990 and left them the huge wad of cash.

When the 10-year-old dog died of old age in October, the hefty hog became sole heir of the $600,000 piggy bank. The old dog was buried in a new pet cemetery down the road from where Miss Lamp was laid to rest.

"Miss Lamp was an eccentric who inherited the family's 320-acre farm," said Helen McFerren, president of the county's Humane Society.

"Mr. Pig was the runt of the litter. He was her favorite and had the run of her house when she was alive. It's real nice that he's in good hands now. Miss Lamb would have wanted it that way.

"She stayed close to home and never let anyone inside her house. If anyone came calling, she'd meet them on the front porch.

"Apparently, she never threw a newspaper away. We found hundreds of them stacked ceiling high when she died."

The shy, pet-loving spinster donated money every year to the Scott County Humane Society but she never visited the place.

When Mr. Pig goes to meet his maker, the society will get whatever is left of his inheritance.

It costs $2,400 a year for food and a vet to keep the wealthy pig healthy and happy at an undisclosed foster farm. Latest word is he's having a "swine" time.

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Boys are healthy, happy & attached at the spine

SIAMESE QUADRUPLETS

By BEATRICE DEXTER
Correspondent

James, Teddy, Thomas and Samuel Price made history when they were born — because they're the world's only Siamese quadruplets!

The Sydney, Australia, boys share a single spinal cord and cannot be separated, but they've managed to survive for seven years and they're doing so well doctors expect them to lead a normal life.

"The boys are in excellent health despite their abnormality," said Dr. Anthony Pierce, their pediatrician. "There is no hope of ever separating them, but together they can survive indefinitely.

"The quads share a spinal cord, four arms and four legs, but each boy has his own head and torso and all his own internal organs. The four are always in excellent spirits and their mother deserves a lot of credit for making the kids feel loved and special."

Dr. Pierce, who introduced the boys at a news conference last month, discovered the quads' condition several months before their birth. Doctors sedated their mother, Christine Price, for the final eight weeks of her pregnancy.

After the quads were born, tests revealed the boys are joined to one thickened spinal cord which serves all four of their bodies. With the devotion and loving care of their divorced mom, the babies thrived. Today, they are bright boys who attend the first grade at a special school for the disabled.

SPINE-SHARING James, Teddy, Thomas and Samuel, clockwise from front left, wear specially designed clothes.

They're popular with their classmates and their interests are same as those of other kids their age — watching TV, playing computer games and Nintendo and building. voice lessons and are thinking of trying for a career in show tle publicity it will help them make a name — and a possibi-

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CAROLYN CARTER, right, dialed a phone number from her childhood recently and it was answered by her mom Jacqueline, left, who was killed in 1963!

...AND MY DEAD MOM ANSWERED!

Carolyn Carter dialed her disconnected childhood telephone number on a whim and the call was answered — by her dead mom!

The 42-year-old woman reported the November 3 incident to authorities but everyone, including police, laughed in her face. She then contacted paranormal researcher Mark Sims, who performed a thorough investigation and now declares: "I'm convinced that Miss Carter contacted her dead mother in a telephone call beyond the grave.

"This woman is a rock solid witness," he continued, "and to prove it she took and passed not one but two lie detector tests.

"She also has a tape of the conversation she had with her

By PAT MADDEN
Correspondent

that her mother made before she died back in 1963.

"Voice analysts have compared the tapes and agree that the voices are a perfect match. That alone proves that Miss Carter spoke with her dead mother. As far as I'm concerned, this is a textbook case."

The mind-twisting drama reportedly unfolded when Miss Carter ran across an old picture of her mom Jacqueline Carter, who was killed when slammed into a tree. Feeling nostalgic, the New York City woman decided to dial her childhood home — even though she knew that the phone had been permanently disconnected when the house burned to the ground a few months after her mother died.

According to Dr. Sims, telephone officials confirmed that the number was not assigned to another customer and has been out of service since the house was destroyed on September 12, 1963.

But in spite of that, Miss Carter's call was answered by a woman who said: "I've been waiting for you to call, Bobo. What took you so long?"

"Nobody but mom has ever heard the voice say it, I didn't know what to think," said Miss Carter. "I finally said: 'I beg your pardon. What did you say?' And she shot back: 'Don't you know your own mother?'

"When she said that *everything* came flooding back and I knew that I really was talking with my dead mother. I asked her a dozen questions at once — where she was, what she was doing, how she was able to talk with me.

"She laughed that special laugh of hers and said: 'I'm not anywhere, Bobo. I'm everywhere. And most of all, I'm here with you.'"

The line went dead a split second later. But in an eerie twist, Miss Carter's answering machine turned itself on during the 23-second conversation with her mother and recorded the whole thing.

Since that time Miss Carter has quit her job as an executive secretary and is spending all her time discussing the telephone call with Dr. Sims or dialing her old number in the hope that the dead woman will answer again.

Sims, who has offices in Germany and France, plans to publish a full report next

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Poor teens' $200 horse wins $300,000 race!

PHOTO FINISH shows long-shot Mlle. DeLonde winning by a nose at Longchamp racetrack.

By RICK TRACY
Correspondent

Two teenage twins who scrimped and saved their paper route money to buy a $200 horse have shocked the racing world — winning a very prestigious $300,000 race.

The sensational "by-a-nose" victory at Longchamp, France, was the dream of a lifetime for Jacques and Andre Aubert, 16, a couple of hardworking youngsters from the wrong side of the tracks.

"Horse racing is supposed to be the sport of kings, but these kids are so poor they stable their horse in a woodshed and work her out around a cornfield," said a sportswriter who covered the race.

The boys paid just 1,100 francs ($200 U.S. dollars) for the 5-year-old steed, Mlle. DeLonde.

The horse came from off the pace with a tremendous stretch run and nipped the front-running horse by a nose at the wire, setting off a wild celebration.

"Standing there in the winner's circle made all the long days and hard work worthwhile," Jacques said. "But we'll still be up before dawn tomorrow to do what has to be done down at the farm."

The tenacious twins saved nickels and dimes from their newspaper routes for six years and bought the horse two years ago. Their days have begun at 3 a.m. and ended at 7 p.m. ever since.

Paper boys saved their nickels and dimes to buy steed!

"We had to learn how to groom and train a horse," said Jacques, who stables their only horse on a friend's farm near Longchamp.

After delivering their papers from 3 a.m. to 5 a.m., the workaholic brothers head for the farm to tend to Mlle. DeLonde.

"We take turns exercising and grooming the horse and share the other chores," Andre said.

After school in the afternoon, the boys ride their bikes back to the farm, feed the mare and bed her down for the night before they head back home.

TWINCREDIBLE: Jacques and Andre Aubert.

Before the spectacular stakes win at Longchamp, their horse had won two $5,000 races and finished third in five starts.

"We know she was ready for the big race," said Andre.

"Our horse was a 29-1 long shot in the seven-horse field, but we figured she definitely had a chance because there was no speed in the race," Andre said.

"Our jockey saved ground on the rail and came flying with her at the end."

Doc in a pickle over Polish jokes

Dr. Magdalena Jaszczak, a native of Warsaw, is suing the University of Kentucky and its hospital, claiming she is being discriminated against because she is a woman — and because she is Polish!

Dr. Jaszczak works in the hospital and alleges she is subjected to unequal employment terms because she is a woman and says she is subjected to degrad-

FAT FOLKS FOIL CANCER!

Fat people may have a better chance of beating cancer, according to researchers who injected obese mice with cancer cells.

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Kathie Lee Gifford remembers when . . .

'MY BOOBS WERE LIKE TORPEDOES'

FEISTY Kathie Lee Gifford says her breasts used to be perky, but she is NOT.

Kathie Lee Gifford noticed a big difference right up front when she gave birth to her son **Cody** in 1990.

"My breasts were like torpedoes. I used to have such nice perky breasts. They stood up and saluted and sang *The Star-Spangled Banner*.

"Now they're basically humming *Go Down, Moses*."

Kathie Lee's bosom is booming once again, but don't you dare call her perky.

"Perky is one-dimensional. To me, coffee is perky. No human being is one-dimensional and I'm not real bubbly when somebody's rude," says the zany co-host of *Live With Regis & Kathie Lee*.

"I'm a feisty person, and anybody who calls me perky has not done their homework." Okay, okay, but what about those torpedoes?

— *New York Love*

★ ★ ★

Mariel Hemingway grew up in a family notorious for being out of control — so before starring on TV in *Civil Wars*, the leggy blonde lived those battles in reality.

"My whole family were alcoholics," says Mariel, referring to her famous grandfather Ernest, father and two older sisters. Perhaps because of her ancestors' hell-raising, Mariel is not only a teetotaler but a very picky eater. "No fat, no meat, no sugar, no dairy," she says. "I eat more strangely than anyone on the planet."

— *Redbook*

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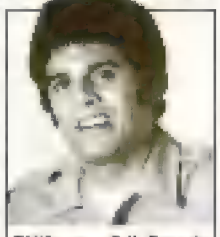
From macho to taco — "The CHiPs star **Erik Estrada** is making a comeback in a Taco Bell commercial. Dressed as motorcycle cop **Francis "Ponch" Poncherello** from his old TV series, Estrada pulls a motorist over to the side of the road and asks: 'Ma'am, do you have a license for that taco?'"

— *USA TODAY*



CHiPs star Erik Estrada

★ ★ ★

Chicago Bears coach **Mike Ditka**, the NFL's only active volcano, has been challenged to a fistfight by a retired telephone repairman who's sick and tired of Ditka "bullying, yelling, screaming and intimidating everyone."

Jimmy Williams, a 54-year-old Floridian, is a year older than coach Ditka and one hundred pounds lighter, but he's ready to go a few rounds with the big guy.

"Please try to set up a boxing match between Big Mouth Mike and myself," said Williams to a sports reporter.

"He's just a plain old school bully till someone calls his bluff.

"Well, that's what I'm doing, calling Mike's bluff.

"I really would like to go a few rounds with the guy."

— *Palm Beach Post*

★ ★ ★

Tim Robbins grew up in Greenwich Village in New York City and what was good enough for the director/star of *Bob Roberts* is plenty good for his kids.

"I saw things a lot of kids never see," says Tim.

"I saw intellectuals, freaks, hippies, drag queens. I saw the emergence of a very flamboyant gay culture, Eastern religions, swamis and fake swamis, parades of masks, wild theater.

"I would love for my kids to see all of this."

They will, Tim, as long as you and their mother, **Susan Sarandon**, live in the Village.

— *Playboy*

★ ★ ★

With two hit shows, *Designing Women* and *Evening Shade* on the tube and a fellow Arkansan in the White House, **Linda Bloodworth-Thomason** knows she's sitting pretty.

"I admit that I'm overpaid and I am enormously pleased by that," says Linda, who's planning the President-elect's inaugural ball in her spare time.

"But I have no intention of dying rich, and I am fascinated by what money can do.

"My thing is scholarships, and I get a

TEETOTALER Mariel Hemingway eats "more strangely than anyone on the planet."

MARIEL HEMINGWAY: MY BOOZING FAMILY NEARLY WRECKED MY LIFE!

JOHN HANNON'S HOLLYWOOD

an in southern Missouri and saying, 'Your husband has been beating you for 17 years? Here's a plane ticket so you and your kids can relocate to Seattle.'

"That is sheer fun."

— *Vogue*

★ ★ ★

Nicolas Cage has an 18-month-old son by model-actress **Kristina Fulton**, and even though the two have split, Cage yearns to play Mr. Mom.

"I can't wait to have more children," crows Cage. "I would be lo-

HEART-THROB Nicolas Cage yearns

MOMMA MIA! WHO'LL MARRY HER?

MOTHER OF 13: Mia Farrow

ing a house husband and having a wife he the professional. I'd like to play with the kids' toys and fire trucks, and wipe the pizza dough off their hands, and make them laugh."

And then what, Nick? Is it noon yet?

— *Cosmopolitan*

★ ★ ★

Starlet **Bridget Fonda** thinks fans are getting too touchy already!

"People pay their seven dollars for a movie ticket and they think it gives them permission to own you, to touch you," says Bridget.

"I was with **Matt Dillon** in a bar recently and girls were grabbing at his crotch."

Get outa here, you wild and crazy things!

— *Sky International*

★ ★ ★

Mia Farrow's keeping a stiff upper lip in her war with **Woody Allen**.

"I'm not destroyed. I still have a lot of dreams about what I want to do with my life and I know I will do them," vows Mia.

But her prospects of finding Mr Right are slim to none.

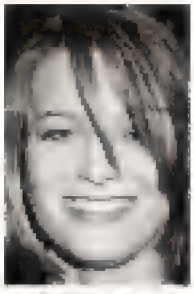
"Who's going to fall in love with someone who has 12 children? Somebody crazy."

— *Hello!*

★ ★ ★

Whatever happened to the granddaddy of daytime talk show hosts — **Mike Douglas**? Last seen, the singing/talking head was spotted golfing at the posh Bel-Air Country Club in L.A.

Before **Donahue**, there was Douglas. "Dishes go unwashed and shirts remain unironed when Mike Douglas comes on," wrote *TV Guide* in 1967. Mike felt like he was mugged when Westinghouse cancelled the show in 1980, and he's not been a happy camper in retirement.



LUSTY Bridget Fonda doesn't want fans to touch her.

GRANDDAD of talk shows: Mike Douglas

"If I see one more weirdo on TV with a wig and dark glasses who's done something horrible, I'm going to be sick!" says Douglas. Meanwhile, Douglas is working on something completely different — a new TV talk show with himself as the host.

— *Variety*

★ ★ ★

In his new movie, *M. Butterfly*, **Jeremy Irons** plays a diplomat who has an eight-year affair with a Chinese woman, only to discover she is really a man!

The gender-bending plot helped put Irons in a reflective mood.

"I've always rather regretted that I've never had a gay experience," says Jeremy. When told that it's not too late, Irons says serenely, "Maybe I will one day. I don't know."

— *New York Times*

★ ★ ★

Roseanne thinks hubby **Tom Arnold**'s career will soar once his new sitcom, *The Jackie Thomas Show*, hits its stride.

"Did people think I was going to fall in love with some talentless slob?" asks the prime-time prima donna.

"Tom's going to be a big star, and I'm going to have the last laugh on everybody. I think he's the new **John Wayne**."

But a former colleague calls Arnold, "Yoko with a sledgehammer." Oh, no!

— *GQ*

Marky Mark pulls down his pants — and makes $ MILLIONS!

Marky Mark, the hip-hopper who's become famous for pulling his pants down, says it all started as a goof.

"I just did it as a joke," says Marky. "But the crowd went crazy, and the next thing you know, it was like, 'Hey, ain't you the kid who pulls his pants down?'"

And now Marky appears all over in **Calvin Klein** underwear ads, grabbing his crotch.

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— *New Yorker*

RAPPER Marky Mark says it all started as a "goof."

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4. *Holiday Inn*	D. Barbara Stanwyck
5. *White Christmas*	E. Alistair Sim
6. *A Christmas Carol*	F. Bing Crosby
7. *Christmas in Connecticut*	G. Fred Astaire
8. *Home Alone*	H. Natalie Wood
9. *The Greatest Story Ever Told*	I. Darrin McGavin
10. *March of the Wooden Soldiers*	J. James Stewart

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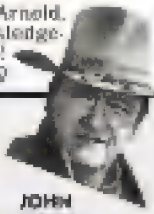

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WIDOW SMOKES HUBBY'S CORPSE LIKE A HAM!

WIDOW Maud Sumner clutches Bible outside smokehouse which holds her husband's body.

By RICK TRACY / Special correspondent

A grieving widow carried out her dead hubby's bizarre last wishes — and smoked his corpse over a bed of hickory chips like a prized pig!

"Henry made me promise not to put him in the ground or reduce him to ashes," said heartbroken Maud Sumner. "Now he'll last forever in the smokehouse."

Maud and Henry had only each other during 30 quiet years of marriage on their tiny pig farm southwest of Murfreesboro, Tenn. Their days began at sunrise and ended at sunset. Only sickness kept them from church on Sunday.

"We didn't smoke cigarettes or hurt our bodies with liquor, but lived good Christian lives together, raising pigs and smoking them on hickory chips to make a simple living," Maud said.

Man's last wish comes true!

"Henry was deathly afraid of being buried in the ground or cremated and made me swear that wouldn't happen to him if he died first. He wanted to be smoked like one of his pigs and hung on a hook in the smokehouse forever."

When Henry died of a sudden heart attack, Maud tearfully took his body home from the mortuary — and straight to the smokehouse. After making a bed of charcoal, hickory chips and green wood, Maud raised her hubby's body over the slow fire and closed the door.

"I smoked him slow for three months just like I'd seen him do to the hogs all those years," she said. "I've spent most of my days there ever since, reading my Bible and talking to Henry.

"It's almost as if he never died. Henry never talked much when he was alive and it's not that different now. But having him with me is such a comfort."

Months after Henry died, officials got a tip that Maud didn't bury Henry when she took his body home from the mortuary. "We saw the corpse in the smokehouse and told her to do something about it," said a cop who asked not to be identified. "Sooner or later I'll check to see if she's buried him. But it's not one of my top priorities."

INCREDIBLE photo of Henry Sumner's corpse in a smokehouse was sent to the Weekly World News by a relative of widow Maud Sumner.

1991 photo of Henry and Maud.

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YOU'LL be doing your country a favor if you give your little boy or girl a gun for Christmas this year, says Ed Anger.

I'm madder than Santa Claus with bubble gum in his beard over a recent news report that BB-gun sales are down again this season.

What the hell is this great country coming to when a kid can't go out in the backyard and bag a few sparrows on Christmas morning, for crying out loud.

I got my first Daisy Red Ryder BB gun when I was just 3 years old and could pop Grandma's scrawny tomcat from 50 feet before I was 4, by gum.

And it makes me sick to my stomach that today's youngsters aren't being taught to shoot.

Hey, those video games that let kids drop atomic bombs or fire nuclear missiles are okay, but they're no substitute for the REAL thing.

MY AMERICA

By ED ANGER

There's just nothing like drawin' a bead on a redbird and puttin' a BB in his brain.

If America's children don't learn to shoot now it's gonna be hell to pay when America is attacked by the Japs, Germans or those jalapenos from South America. Every kid in this great land, from sea to shining sea, oughta be armed and dangerous the minute Uncle Sam calls, by God.

Now I don't mean that kids oughta run around packin' heat — just that they know the business end of an M-16 when crunch time comes!

So I'm calling on every patriotic parent to get up right now and go out and get your kid a BB or pellet gun for Christmas.

You'll make the inventor of the first BB rifle real proud because old Abe Lincoln loved this great land of ours and he expects us to defend it, by cracky. Let's join together, friends, and make this a real Jingle Bells and Shotgun Shells holiday!

Top astronomer finds where helium balloons go to 'die'

A world-renowned astronomer claims to have found where billions of helium-filled balloons released in the past half-century have gone to "die."

The amazing discovery 150 miles above the Earth came quite by accident as Dr. Andre Lardeaux was scanning the universe through a high-powered telescope from an observatory in Mar-

going to set the scientific world on fire, but seeing all those multicolored balloons clinging to what appears to be an old satellite or space station 150 miles away was an extraordinary sight," Dr. Lardeaux said.

The expert has no idea why the balloons were attracted to this particular spot in space.

"Perhaps they were drawn by a pow-

and other electronic instruments that create an electrical charge."

Clearly visible on one of the red balloons are the words, "Go Get 'Em, Wild Bill," possibly referring to the late Bill Vukovich, who won the Indy 500 in 1953 and 1954 and was killed in a crash going for a third straight win in 1955.

Dr. Lardeaux's telescope also identified balloons released at the 1984 Super

Olympics in Munich, the '79 World Series, several bearing the familiar face of Mickey Mouse and one that simply says, "Happy Birthday, Honey."

"It's impossible to tell if other space objects have been sucked to the satellite by some mysterious force because there are so many balloons," Dr. Lardeaux pointed out.

"As a kid I used to watch balloons

Hero dog sacrifices life saving family from blaze!

A little pooch named Tiki made the supreme sacrifice when he went to his death saving his human family from their blazing mobile home!

As flames raced through the home, it was Tiki's barking that roused Norma Kemp's sleeping family in time for them to flee to safety. "Tiki followed us out," explained 38-year-old Tim Kemp. "But when my mom went back inside to get her purse, he went in with her. That was the last we saw of him.

"I heard Tiki bark about five times, but I couldn't go in after him because of the heat."

Firemen later found the gallant 4-year-old dog's body under a bed. It had been his favorite hiding place.

According to Fire Investigator Diane McNeal, the 1 a.m. blaze that destroyed the Kemp home near Greenacres, Fla., was started by a smoldering cigarette. She said the home had two smoke detectors that weren't in working order.

"It's a sad story," she said. "Mrs. Kemp's son, Stephen, has a (brain) aneurysm. He has reached a stage of recovery where she planned to take Tiki to the hospital for him to see. Tiki was his dog."

Doctors said it will be sometime before it's known if the 38-year-old horse trainer will recover. The family said they will delay telling him of the fire and the courageous act that snuffed out his little dog's life.

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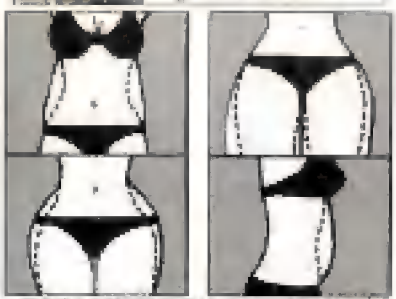

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By SUSAN JIMISON
Staff writer

"It's pretty fantastic," Dr. Evans told Weekly World News. "It's inexpensive and it's widely available in health food stores.

"From our studies it appears this naturally occurring nutrient has the ability to increase the average life span from 75 to 100 years of age. It increases the response of the body to insulin, and insulin affects many areas. It decreases the aging processes that lead to the breakdown of health, and as far as we know it is safe to take even large amounts of it."

Evans says he stumbled on the effects of chromium picolinate after his studies of human diabetics revealed chromium picolinate lowered levels of glucose and glycated hemoglobin in the blood.

Shortly after he completed his work, he read of a scientist studying longevity in rats who reported that rats fed a life-prolonging low-calorie diet had blood with reduced levels of glucose and glycated hemoglobin as well.

"The rats lived about a third longer than rats fed a normal diet. We thought we would try to do that, too — not with a reduced calorie diet but with chromium picolinate, a special form of chromium that is more easily absorbed by the body.

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Dr. Evans suggests women take 100 micrograms of chromium picolinate per day. Men, because of their increased muscle mass, take 200 per day.

The supplements cost about $7 for a 60-day supply and can be purchased at your local health food store.

LITTLE NIPPER

Scott Mullins' horse nibbles on the 5-year-old cowboy's sombrero as they walk to a rodeo in Salinas, Calif. Scott managed to save his

Feds maimed Jesse James' mother!

The U.S. government wanted to corral notorious bandit Jesse James so badly that they maimed his mother and killed his half-brother, says a new study.

Historian Ted Yeatman has discovered new evidence proving Federal agents bombed James' house outside Kearney, Mo., while he wasn't there, causing a blast which took Ma James' right arm and the life of her innocent 8-year-old son.

"This is the smoking gun," said the James scholar.

Documents found at the Library of Congress by Yeatman and his colleagues name Agent Alan Pinkerton as the man behind the bombing. They also discovered a letter which shows that Pinkerton obtained a bomb from the U.S. Arsenal in Rock Island, Ill., just days before the catastrophic explosion.

Nevertheless, James escaped the clutches of the law and instead met with a bullet from one of his own gang members in 1882.

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Man born with head, one foot & one hand — and nothing else!

By BEATRICE DEXTER
Special correspondent

Brave Buster Kirby never lets life get him down — in spite of the fact that he was born with just one hand, one foot, and only a portion of a body.

The courageous 21-year-old Canadian ignores his terrible handicaps to live on his own, work as a writer and pursue a fun-filled social life.

He rustles up his own meals, zips around in an electric wheelchair and even drives a specially equipped van.

"I lead a perfectly normal life," says Buster, whose cozy apartment is in the outskirts of Montreal. "I don't feel that I'm anyone special.

"I happened to be born missing a few parts of my body, but I was blessed with other things that a lot of people miss. I was given devoted parents who encouraged me and loved me, I was given a certain amount of intelligence, and I was given the strength to put up with my disabilities. For me, coping is easy because I've never known a different way of life."

Buster, who measures a tiny 2-foot-1, was born in 1971 to a drug-addicted alcoholic mother. Doctors blamed his physical problems on his mother's substance abuse and the boy was put up for adoption.

When he was 2 years old a loving elderly couple became Buster's mom and dad. The two passed away in 1989, leaving Buster on his own.

Since then, the courageous [illegible] studio apartment, writing freelance articles on his computer. When he isn't working, he pursues his favorite hobbies — skin-diving, stamp-collecting and photography.

"Sure, people stare at me sometimes," says brave Buster. "But that doesn't bother me.

"I find that people forget I'm special after a while. And there are plenty of gals around who will go out with me just like they would with the next guy. In fact, I have a steady girlfriend now who's hinting around about getting married. I'm not ready yet because I enjoy the footloose single life — but who knows?

"Pretty soon I'm bound to settle down and have my own family."

Buster, who dreams of someday writing a book about his life, says he consented to have his story told in the *Weekly World News* because he wants readers to know that having a handicap doesn't doom a person to an empty, [illegible]

MAN STABBED BROTHER IN THE CHEST, SAY COPS

Argument over who ate the most fish ends in death!

A man ended his brother's life by plunging a knife into his heart in an argument — over which of them ate the most fish!

Officials from the Jackson County, Michigan, Sheriff's Department say the men were in the kitchen of their mother's home in Michigan Center when the argument broke out. Russell Verbecken, 29, tried to hush his older brother, 31-year-old Edmund, in the head with an axe handle.

Edmund then grabbed a hunting knife and stabbed Russell in the chest, killing him.

Woman gunned down for stealing banana pudding recipe!

A hopping mad housewife blew her neighbor away at a dinner party — because she stole her prized recipe for banana pudding.

"I knew the instant I tasted the pudding that she had somehow managed to get her thieving hands on my recipe," said Frieda Oberst. "I was blind with rage and lost control of my senses."

Frieda stormed across the street to her home, grabbed her .32-caliber revolver and returned to the party.

Other dinner guests watched in horror as fuming Frieda walked up to party host Heidi Schmidt, called her a "bitch" and shot her right between the eyes.

Heidi's stunned husband rushed to his wounded wife as other guests wrestled Frieda to the floor and grabbed the gun. Heidi bled to death in a matter of minutes.

Frieda and Heidi had lived across the street from each other in Stuttgart, Germany, for nearly 20 years. They were close friends, but intensely jealous of each other.

"Both women shared many things with each other, but not their secret recipes. That's where the jealousy entered into the picture," said a neighbor. "Frieda wouldn't give Heidi the recipes to several of her favorite dishes, including banana pudding."

Police said that Frieda showed no remorse as they jailed her on a murder charge.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Heidi sneaked into my kitchen, copied the recipe out of my cookbook, and then had the gall to invite me to her house to taste it," Frieda was quoted as saying. "Anyone who would do that doesn't deserve to live."

Elvis has been sighted . . . in St. Vincent

Tiny island nation beats the U.S. in issuing Elvis stamp

Now Elvis fans have nine different stamps to savor...

St. Vincent, British West Indies—The tiny island nation of St. Vincent has just released a set of Elvis Presley postage stamps—beating the US Postal Service by over 6 months.

"While the post office was trying to decide between the young and the old Elvis, here you have this tiny nation that's issued nine different stamps showing Elvis in every stage of his career," said Jeffrey Frano of The International Collectors Society in Baltimore, Maryland, who is distributing the stamps in the U.S., "still, I don't see the Postal Service getting all shook up over this."

Each of the nine stamps is about four times the size of a regular U.S. stamp, and each stamp has a face value of $1.00. "They're really quite stunning with all the colorful images printed together on the same commemorative sheet," added Frano.

The United States will be issuing only one Elvis stamp in 1993—the younger Elvis, based on the outcome of the national vote taken by the postal service. The US postal service has indicated that at least 300 million U.S. stamps will be issued.

"When you compare that to the St. Vincent issue which is a limited edition of just thousands of sets worldwide, you can see the appeal that the St. Vincent stamps will have to stamp collectors and Elvis fans," pointed out Frano.

The St. Vincent issue is legal for postage in St. Vincent and accepted by all postal authorities worldwide.

If you just have to get your Elvis stamps right now, they are available for a short time at $9.00 (plus $3.00 postage and handling) for the complete set of nine stamps. If you order more than one set (the most you can order is 6 sets) you'll also receive the free pocket guide "99 Little Known Facts About Elvis Presley". Send your check or money order to: ICS, 111 Water Street, Suite 300WD, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. To order by credit card call toll free 1-800-353-5116, ask for ext. 9.

Little Known Facts About Elvis Presley

1. Elvis Aaron Presley was one of twin boys born to Gladys Smith Presley and Vernon Elvis Presley on January 8, 1935. His brother Jesse Garon died, within six hours of birth.
2. *King Creole*, filmed just before he entered the Army in 1958, was Elvis' favorite of all the films he made.
3. Elvis' favorite foods included fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches, corn bread, lemon meringue pie, and cornbread in buttermilk.
4. The three Grammys that Elvis won were for recordings of religious songs.
5. Elvis studied karate for many years and had advanced to an eighth-degree black belt.
6. Some of Elvis' bejeweled jumpsuits weighed more than 30 pounds.
7. In 1956, "Heartbreak Hotel" became the first record to reach Number One on the Billboard Country and Western, Rhythm and Blues, and Pop charts all in one week.

(Taken from the pocket guide 99 Little Known Facts About Elvis Presley)

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Rip-off restaurant made me sick to my wallet!

Dear Dotti: My husband and I went to a fancy restaurant the other night and ordered expensive crab dinners. You can imagine my surprise when the waiter brought out our platters stacked high with that fake crabmeat that you can buy at the seafood shop for about a dollar for 10 pounds.

I wanted to complain but my husband wouldn't let me. What would you have done in this situation? — Burned in Miami

Dear Burned: The last time a restaurant served me bad food I paid the bill with some of the play money that I carry in my purse and DEFIED the manager to say a word about it. He wisely kept his fat mouth shut — and that was that!

Mom's creepy boyfriend is obsessed with big boobs!

Dear Dotti: My mom is dating a man who whistles and stares at big-breasted women and goes to nudie bars at least four times a week. He also makes obscene comments to women in general, which embarrasses my mother to no end. I'm getting sick of it, Dotti. Any advice? — Fed Up in Orange

Dear Fed Up: Most men who go to nudie bars and ogle big-breasted women are closet homosexuals and several major studies prove it. Tell your mom to ditch this clod and find herself a REAL man while she's still got the self-respect to do it!

Help! I'm as big as a barn & smoke like a chimney!

Dear Dotti: I desperately need to lose weight and stop smoking. I stand just 5 feet tall but I weigh 250 pounds and gain more everyday. I also smoke three packs of cigarettes a day which isn't too good for my health. You're a smart woman, Dotti. Please help. — Fatty in Windham

Dear Fatty: I get a lot of stupid letters but this one takes the cake. If you want to lose weight stop eating like a pig. If you want to quit the butts go cold turkey — like I did!

Why does my hubby get bitchy once a month?

Dear Dotti: Once a month my husband gets real bitchy and he's just impossible to live with. After a few days he's back to normal. What causes him to behave like this, Dotti? It really gets to me because I can't deal with these mood swings. — Puzzled in Pine Center

Dear Puzzled: You must be a newlywed. Any woman who has been married any time at all knows that men get PMS, too!

If you aren't stupid then you're losing your mind!

Dear Dotti: Your memory must be shot! Last year you told readers that you were married. Then you totally contradicted that statement in a more recent edition by saying you've never been married. The bottom line? You're either stupid or have Old Timer's Disease. Let's see you get out of this one! — Smarty in Greenville

Dear Smarty: Nothing could be simpler than "getting out of this one." In one of those instances, I lied!

Dotti will answer your letters — and tell it like it is. Just write to her, c/o Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462.

Confidential

Dear Jobless in Ocala: I don't know much about the job situation in your area but I do know this: You're not going to find a job until you get off your lazy butt and look for one!

Dear Puzzled in Bayliss: Honesty may or may not be the best policy. It depends on the person you're talking to.

Dear Worried in Merrow: I don't care what your husband says. Spare the rod and spoil the child are STILL worth to live by!

Dear Stunned in Yuma: Don't be a fool. On second thought, it's too late!

Dear Lunatic in Lawder: You're being much too hard on yourself. Ignorant is more like it.

Dear Angry in Radcliffe: I get paid to speak my mind. You don't!

Dear Wondering in Natoma: There are plenty of reasons to ditch a man and as far as I'm concerned, flatulence is one of them!

Ask Serena

Is my $5 crystal ball telling me the truth?

Dear Serena: I bought a crystal ball at a yard sale for $5 and felt like I had cut the greatest bargain in the world. But when I got the thing home and started consulting it I found that all I get is bad news.

It revealed that my husband is going to lose his job. It also indicated that my teenage daughter is going to have a baby out of wedlock and drop out of school. Is the crystal ball giving me accurate readings? If so, is there a way to avoid the awful future it foretells? — Anxious in Roscoe

Dear Anxious: The crystal ball is seriously flawed and giving you a highly distorted view of the future. Disregard ANYTHING it tells you!

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Dear Serena: A woman moved into the vacant apartment beside mine last week and even though we were perfect strangers before we met, I get the strangest feeling that I've known her all my life. We have many common interests and exactly the same sense of humor. I'm going crazy trying to figure out what's going on. Can you help? — Puzzled in Chicago

Dear Puzzled: The woman is the older sister that you never even knew you had. Your mother gave her up for adoption before you were born. Fate has drawn you together. You and this lady are destined to find great happiness and fortune together!

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Dear Serena: My life has been one hellish struggle after another and I often feel like I can't go on. Please tell me true, Serena. Will I ever find happiness? — Sad in Fort Myers

Dear Sad: Your definition of happiness and mine are not the same. You think of happiness as living on easy street and so, you will never find that. I define happiness as a state in which a person respects himself and has the emotional strength to grow and deal with anything that comes his way. You will find that kind of happiness — sooner than you think!

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Desperate in Cheyenne: **The money you need will arrive next week in a surprise inheritance check. Please use the $65,000 wisely!**

Stiltwalker dies after little g

A clown on 15-foot-high stilts toppled over and died of a fractured skull when a well-meaning little girl rushed over — and hugged his legs.

Witnesses said the popular clown, known as "Jimbo Skywalker," lost his balance and landed with a sickening thud on the concrete pavement at a carnival in a San Francisco suburb.

By RICK TRACY
Correspondent

"His head was literally cracked wide open," said a horrified eyewitness. "It happened so quick there was no time to help break his fall."

Tiny 2-year-old Jessica Bellamy seemed to be frightened a few minutes earlier when towering Jimbo approached her and her parents.

"But when Jimbo smiled and offered the wide-eyed little girl candy the excited youngster rushed over and hugged him around the legs," witnesses told police.

Jimbo, whose real name is Charles Carrillo, struggled to maintain his balance as Jessica's mom pulled her little daughter out of the way.

"When Jimbo realized he was going to fall, he was more concerned about missing the girl and her mother than protecting himself," said a friend of the dead clown.

"Stiltwalkers are trained to fall without injuring themselves."

Paramedics got Jimbo's heart going again, but he died an hour later in a hospital emergency room.

"I will never forget the frantic look in that man's eyes as he fell," said a horrified witness.

"It was weird. He had a smile painted on his face and a look of terror in his eyes."

Jimbo, 55, had been a circus clown most of his life until he retired from the big top two years ago.

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Kitty taken to the pound because it didn't match homeowner's decor

Heartless Herman Schlitzer hauled his pet kitty Heike to the pound and tried to trade her in on another mouser — because the apricot cat didn't match the color scheme in his new home!

Animal shelter officials in Bonn, Germany, took hapless Heike off Herman's hands, but they refused his request for a cat of another color. "Anybody who'd dump his kitty off at the pound because she clashed with his decor isn't suited to have a pet," said outraged shelter worker Dieter Lugg.

TOWERING TRIVIA

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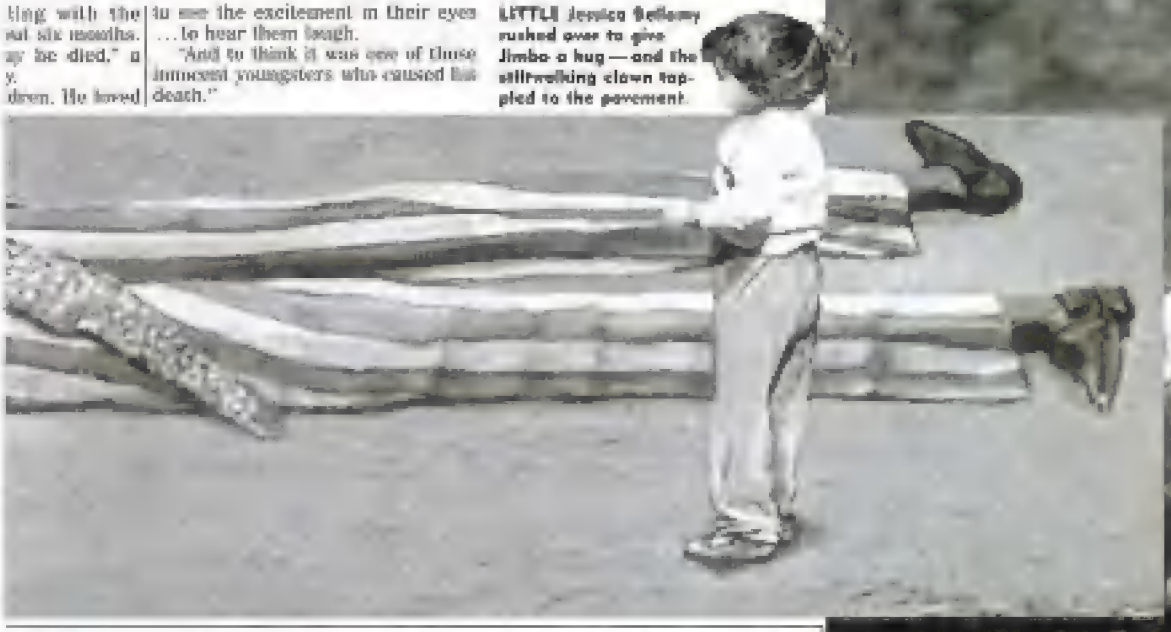
"And to think it was one of those innocent youngsters who caused his death."

LITTLE Jessica Bellamy rushed over to give Jimbo a hug — and the stilt-walking clown toppled to the pavement.



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38-year-old man hobbled to the telephone and called for an ambulance, which took him to the Princeton Community Hospital for treatment.

In his statement to Mercer County Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Catron, Blankenship incredibly said: "The first shot didn't hurt too bad so I kept on cleaning the guns." The second shot, he continued, "stung a little." But the third shot "really hurt because the bullet was a hollow point — the kind of shell that explodes inside the wound," he said.

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LAWRENCE WELK'S GHOST HAUNTS GIRL'S ACCORDION

LITTLE Cathy Morris' fingers race over the keys of her accordion as she plays a lively polka — just like the late TV maestro Lawrence Welk!

By KEVIN K. CREED
Correspondent

Eight-year-old Cathy Morris never had a music lesson in her life, but she plays her new accordion just like Lawrence Welk!

The accordion once belonged to the TV champagne music maker and now Cathy and her mom swear that his ghost is trapped inside!

DOROTHY MORRIS

"It's just like somebody is moving my fingers," said the delighted little girl.

Cathy's mom Dorothy, 32, bought the squeeze box at an auction near their home in the San Fernando Valley in suburban Los Angeles.

"When the auctioneer said it used to belong to Lawrence Welk, we didn't really believe him," said Dorothy.

"But it was a nice instrument so I bought it for her anyway.

"Cathy had never even touched an accordion. But as soon as she got her hands on that thing her eyes lit up. She could hardly believe my ears.

"As her fingers flew over the keyboard, she started playing a rousing polka. If you closed your eyes you'd swear that it was Welk himself playing that accordion!

"After that there was no doubt in our minds. We knew for sure we had Mr. Welk's accordion — and we know his spirit was alive in it."

Cathy would rather play her accordion than do anything else in the world. But she says she can't explain what happens when she does.

"Whenever I touch it, I feel something moving my fingers. And then the music just starts playing."

American now living in Paris who is considered by many to be the world's foremost authority on Welk's music, says the sounds coming from Cathy's accordion definitely appear to be the work of the well-known TV maestro.

"There are very distinctive phrasing patterns and unusual ways of attacking certain notes that are closely identified with Lawrence Welk," says the expert.

"I'm not saying the style can't be imitated. It's not impossible.

"I'm only saying it's very, very doubtful that a child that age could manage it."

Mrs. Morris says it is definitely Welk's music.

"I know lots of people think I'm crazy," she says. "But I know for a fact that Lawrence Welk lives in my daughter's accordion. And that's that."

What men don't know about flirting

A biologist who has spent two years hanging out in singles bars on a $30,000 grant to study modern mating habits, has come up with some helpful tips for guys on the art of flirting successfully.

"Over half the time the woman will approach the man," said Timothy Perper a university professor to study flirting.

Perper said most men are ignorant about flirting and often don't know when a woman is interested in them.

Men should avoid clever lines, he said, and concentrate on simply initiating a conversation.

If the woman is interested, she will touch the man very lightly — and from that point on it's smooth sailing.

"The touch is the crucial thing," Perper says. "The guy has to respond positive-

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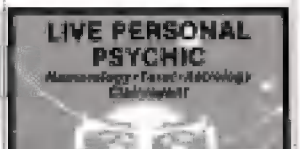

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Three-ton beast flips hiker like a rag doll!

'A crazed hippo tried to tear my legs off!'

By DIRK CAGE
Special correspondent

Willowy Ellen Blassingham was crushed in the pulverizing jaws of a kill-crazed African hippo — and lived to tell the harrowing tale!

The savage three-ton beast snatched the helpless tourist in its massive jaws as she hiked along a jungle trail in Kenya's vast Tsavo National Park.

Before bullets from a ranger's gun forced the hippo to drop Ellen, its foot-long tusks ripped deep gashes along her entire body, fractured her legs and severely damaged a nerve that left her right foot paralyzed.

The nerve injury was so horribly severe that her doctors doubt that she will ever be able to walk normally again.

Though her heart-stopping brush with death lasted only a few seconds, the 41-year-old Washington, D.C., nature-lover recalls those brief moments in chilling detail:

"We were walking along the waterways in the park and there was a lot of shrubbery and thick brush," she said.

"I saw the brush start rustling and then, in a split second, the hippo had me in its mouth and was shaking me in the air for four or five seconds."

The park ranger who was leading the group shot the rogue hippo twice before it finally released its screaming captive and thundered off into the brush.

The ranger followed the enraged beast and killed it.

Fortunately for Ellen, two nurses were on the safari and they quickly sprang into action. They made splints from tree branches to immobilize her broken legs and stopped the bleeding from her deep gashes with a tourniquet.

Ellen spent five weeks in a hospital in Nairobi before heading home to America. At a hospital in Philadelphia, surgeons repaired the damaged nerve, but said it may be two years before the result of their effort is known.

Ellen said if she regains her ability to walk unaided, she'll continue hiking, but never again in Africa.

"I wouldn't go on [an African] hiking safari," she said. "I don't think they're

MASSIVE jaws of an African hippo.

SURGEONS say Ellen Blassingham may never be able to walk normally again.

MAN TICKETED FOR RECKLESS WALKING!

Blind Cecil Jacobs walked into the front end of a parked bus — and got a ticket for it!

"If we had decided to forget about it, it could happen again," said Officer David Reynolds of Dunedin, New Zealand.

"It's not that we don't have compassion. Mr. Jacobs is lucky. If the bus had been moving, he could have been very seriously hurt."

The blind man was taken to a hospital for a checkup, complaining of neck pains. Jacobs, who was using a cane to guide himself down a street when the accident occurred, was cited for failure to use a sidewalk and failing to yield to a vehicle, said Officer Reynolds.

The citations carry a $50 fine.

From rags to riches!

The official Chinese news agency Hsinhua reports that a penniless peasant, digging for edible roots to keep his family alive, found a jar filled with ancient gold coins.

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PET-LOVERS Adam and Michiko Wada are crazy about their pet miniature camel.

MINIATURE CAMELS ARE 18 INCHES TALL — FULLY GROWN!

By JOE BERGER, Staff writer

Moneybags businessman Adam Wada was dying to give his new wife Michiko something wild and wacky for her birthday, so he bought the pet-crazy lady her very own camel — a dinky little dromedary just 18 inches tall!

The one-hump wonder the New York newlyweds call Sand Dune is one of thousands of mini-camels adopted in recent months by fat-cat animal lovers from Boston to Bangkok.

And adoring owners insist the teeny beasts of burden make the world's best pets.

"I've had dogs, cats, birds, everything — but Sandy's the best little buddy I've ever had," tickled Michiko told reporters in Manhattan. "He's so darn cute and cuddly — and he's full grown, so I know he'll never get any bigger and ruin my apartment. You haven't lived until you've had a camel crawl up on your lap to have his ears scratched."

The piddling critters were bred in Libya by dingbat dictator Moammar Gadhafi, who hoped to use them to tote bombs in a bizarre terrorist plot. But mad Mo eventually abandoned the scheme and put the condensed camels on the market as pets.

"All of a sudden, anybody who's anybody just has to have a mini-camel running around underfoot," delighted supplier Susan Weathers told reporters in London.

"The little fellows have been all the rage in Europe for months, and they're just now catching on in America. They're cute as hell, too, but they're definitely not for everybody — considering that they go for about 3,000 pounds ($5,500) apiece."

Still, folks who've taken a half-pint humpback into the fold insist they're cheap at twice the price.

"What can I say? Our Sand Dune is just the ultimate pet," gushed giddy Michiko.

"The great thing is, you don't have to worry about going away and leaving him without food or water because sometimes he goes for days without eating or drinking anyway.

"As little as he is, I guess that's his way of proving he really is a camel."

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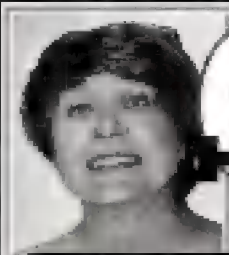

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By DONNIE BROWN, ASTROLOGER TO THE STARS

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Get things done!

Your energy level is high. You feel ready to tackle anything that's thrown at you.

Whatever you want — or can handle — is within reach this week.

Don't let anything distract you from your goal, especially if there's money involved.

Someone who's taken your affection for granted proves to be both loving and giving.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

Be good to yourself!

Treat yourself to an item you've longed for, even if it does put a dent in the budget.

Mingle with new people. You'll find yourself making lasting impressions.

You'll be remembered when a moneymaking opportunity pops up.

An oldster has a family memento for you. It's just the beginning of what you'll get.

GEMINI
May 21 - June 20

Say what you think!

Tell whoever's trying to run your life just where you stand.

Don't mince words! No decision is a good one unless you're the one who makes it.

Let a special someone know you mean business, too. Say the right words and things will settle down.

Look for treasure in unexpected places. Remember, it's "finder's keepers" if you find lost cash.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

Live it up!

You've done the work of two and now deserve a little playtime.

Go all out to enjoy yourself.

A family member needs your help. Give it with no questions asked.

The "payback" will make you happy in the months to come.

Be cordial to people you don't know. One of them is going to make your heart go flip-flop!

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

You're in the right place!

Just by going along for the ride you get a share of whatever's going this week — and most of it is good luck!

Ask questions when it comes to matters of the heart.

You'll get answers that will settle any worries once and for all.

A pet project begins to pay off. It'll do even better for you if you keep plugging away at it.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You're on a roll!

A just-completed project pays off far better than you'd thought it would. Now's the time to start up on another winner of a scheme.

Daydream all you want to.

Don't believe the spoilsports who say you're wasting your time.

Your wildest fantasies can become real. Forget feeling shy — tell that special someone what's on your mind!

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Go for it!

You should be feeling you can conquer the world — and you can!

Lean on your jack-of-all-trades skills. You'll find it easy to do what is needed to insure your success.

A special someone is in an adoring mood, fulfilling your dreams. Show that you feel the same way.

Money problems won't trouble you for much longer. A quick and easy solution is on its way!

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

You're on cloud nine!

Revel in your newfound infatuation and enjoy the game of love.

Financially, things are getting better and better. Opportunity is staring you in the face.

You get a chance to do what you do best.

Rely on your super sense of timing. Throw in some of that old charm and you'll have the world eating out of your hand — again.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Don't refuse any offers!

Someone you trust is willing to give you a boost up.

Do exactly as you're told and you won't regret it.

Spending money is easier to come by, thanks to a windfall.

Careful! You'll be tempted to blow it on nothing but good times.

A special someone can read you like a book — a romance novel. Don't disappoint them!

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Keep your mouth shut!

A zipped lip keeps secret a clever scheme to make extra cash.

Tell your buddies about this deal and there won't be much left for you!

Listen for the phone. A special someone has something to say you've been longing to hear.

This is a good period to make a once-in-a-lifetime decision. You won't be sorry if you stick with it!

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Kick up your heels!

It'll do you a world of good! Spend a little money on yourself for once, too.

Your social life is on the upswing. Work things out with a special someone so you can party every night of the week.

Your natural charm tames an enemy you weren't aware you had.

You come out ahead when you trust your emotions.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Enjoy yourself!

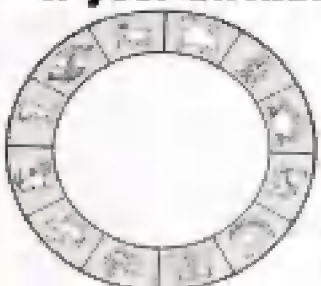
You can do no wrong this week, so go out and enjoy yourself and don't brood about the future.

Worries about money vanish into thin air.

Bills you thought never would be paid off are taken care of, thanks to a piece of good luck.

In love a special someone is begging to make you happy — but you won't believe it. Believe it!

If your birthday is this week . . .



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Your dreams come true!

Life hands you what you want on a silver platter.

You're full of vim and vigor. You have all the get-up-and-go needed to make a success of whatever you turn your hand to.

Money is easy to come by and you enjoy what it brings you.

A special someone proves you're loved just the way you've always longed for.

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School bus shame!

ANGRY MOTHERS CRY FOUL OVER 8-YEAR-OLD SEX CREEPS

By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

Two hopping mad moms say their daughters are being harassed in class and on the school bus by little boys who send them sexy letters, look up their dresses and kiss them—and the little creeps are only in the second grade.

One 8-year-old rascal even crawled under a lunchroom table to peek up her daughter's dress, said livid Lori Struckman, who has filed a complaint with the Minnesota Human Rights Department.

The same little creep also wrote love notes to the girl, threatened to molest her and once held her down and kissed her, the complaint says.

Angry mother Sue Mutziger said her 7-year-old daughter and other girls were cussed at, taunted and threatened with physical harm from other kids riding the bus to school last year. She filed a complaint with the Eden Prairie school district.

"Schools need to protect kids from being harassed," Mrs. Struckman said. "My daughter has a right to go to school without being harassed.

"While watching a movie, the youngster told my daughter he'd like to molest her."

The boy called her daughter "lover girl" and wrote love notes during class, she said. School officials talked to that boy's parents and he is no longer attending the same school.

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Canadian army cadet Joselynne Scoble looks like the Pied Piper of the Prairie as she performs an impromptu concert for a pack of prairie dogs as they nibble on goodies near Banff, Alberta. The prairie dogs gather near the National Army Cadet Camp every evening for treats left by the friendly cadets.

Crooks caught stealing grease!

A couple of slippery suspects were caught loading a 55-gallon tub of used cooking grease into a van behind a pizza restaurant in Plainsboro, N.J., cops said.

If they had gotten away with the stinky stuff, they could have sold it for at least $300, cops said. Arrested on theft charges were Mike Serven and Dean Howard, both 20.

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MAN SPENDS 67 YEARS IN THE LOONEY BIN — JUST BECAUSE HE'S DEAF!

By JACK ALEXANDER / Staff writer

Lonely oldster Junius Wilson has spent the last 67 years of his shattered life behind the ominous brick walls and bars of an insane asylum — simply because he was deaf.

"They locked him up and threw away the key for a crime he didn't commit," said a lawyer who has finally forced the state of North Carolina to release the 94-year-old victim of society's stupidity.

Wilson was a young man of 27 when cops arrested him for attempted rape in 1925. Because he was what folks back then called "deaf and dumb," Wilson was deemed incompetent to stand trial and sent to live with crazy people at Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro.

"Society couldn't deal with anyone who was 'different' 67 years ago," the lawyer said. "They preferred to hide them away in the attic, or in Wilson's case, a mental hospital."

A few years after Wilson went to live in the dark and dismal world of the insane, a review board judged him too sexually aggressive — and had him castrated.

While the world saw 12 U.S. Presidents, major wars and men walking on the moon, Wilson sat in his padded cell — cheated out of a chance to live a happy life.

Cherry Hospital didn't get the news until 1970. No one can explain the reason for the delay.

Wilson's incredibly unfair confinement came to light in 1991 when his legal guardian, John Wasson — appointed because Wilson has no living relatives — discovered the man was deaf, but not crazy.

Wasson, with the help of lawyers Paul Pooley and Roger Manus, threatened to sue the state for discrimination against the disabled unless Wilson was released, rehabilitated, and given an apartment.

The state knuckled under. Perhaps, by the time you read this, the old man will be breathing the fresh air of freedom.

"We're going to see that he

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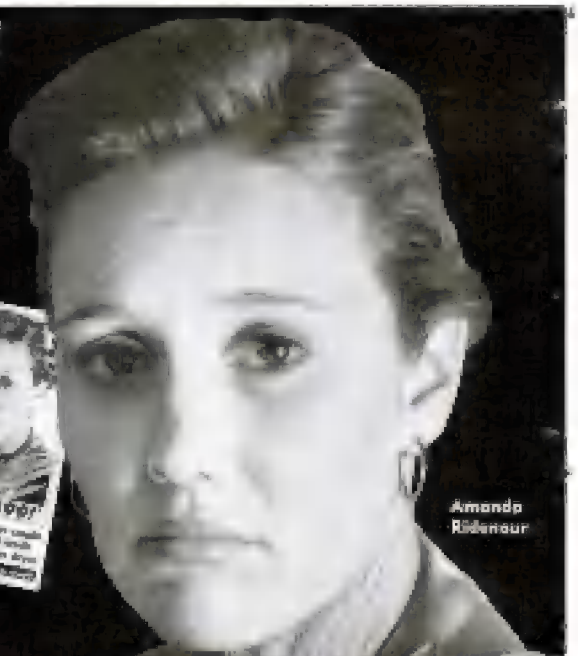
Amanda Ridenour

Her facial skin's hard as plastic — LIKE A MASK!

By SALLY CARRUBBA / Special correspondent

Ninety-three-year-old Amanda Ridenour has the face of a pretty teenager, with not a wrinkle, a bag or a crease — because her facial skin has hardened over the years into a mask that does not age!

Doctors say the old woman suffers from a previously unknown condition that has turned the skin above her neck into a changeless, stiffened surface.

The great-grandmother, who was born in 1899, can move her features enough to talk and blink her eyes, but in recent years she has lost the ability to smile. Her bizarre skin condition makes her look much younger than her years.

"She is just like any other elderly person in the rest of her body, with all the diseas-

sician, world-renowned geneticist Dr. Gerhardt Dreckman. "She is stooped over, she has a shambling gait and she suffers from heart disease, arthritis and emphysema.

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"Fortunately for us, she is willing to let herself be studied," Dr. Dreckman said.

"She may help us move forward in our quest to prolong life and ease the ravages of time.

"Her genes may hold the key to eternal youth for all mankind."

Amanda currently resides in Vienna, Austria, with her

OLD AMANDA Ridenour has a peach of a face, but a wrinkled prune of a body!

Amanda in 1915.

Driver runs over cyclist while trying to commit suicide!

By DICK DONOVAN/ *Staff writer*

Cops say Jesse Pegler's suicide bid backfired when he aimed his car at a tree, stepped on the gas and closed his eyes — instead of killing himself, he killed a father of four riding his motorcycle!

The innocent victim of Pegler's bizarre suicide scheme was 31-year-old Matthew Burke, a mechanic and the daddy of four young girls. Ironically, his killer suffered only minor injuries.

"The victim was probably dead before he hit the ground," Police Detective William Bloxsom told *The NEWS*. "He suffered massive head injuries when he hit the car's hood and windshield."

Det. Bloxsom said the emotionally troubled 20-year-old made his suicide bid on a street that ended at a crossroad. The T-intersection has often been the scene of wintertime accidents when motorists on the leg of the T skidded on ice, drove through the intersection and slammed into the trees flanking the crossroad.

"Pegler never saw Burke and I don't believe Burke ever saw Pegler," the detective said. "Burke was just riding his motorcycle and happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Det. Bloxsom said a suicide note was found in Pegler's clothing after he was taken to a hospital. He said Pegler has confirmed that he had planned to kill himself by hitting the tree and had closed his eyes as he sped through the intersection.

"He apparently has a lot on his mind," Det. Bloxsom explained. "He was recently married and has been having family problems. He has no job, no money and he was to be sentenced in December for a felony theft conviction.

"If anything, killing Burke has made him even more suicidal. He's under a constant suicide watch now."

Det. Bloxsom said Pegler is charged with reckless manslaughter and vehicular homicide.

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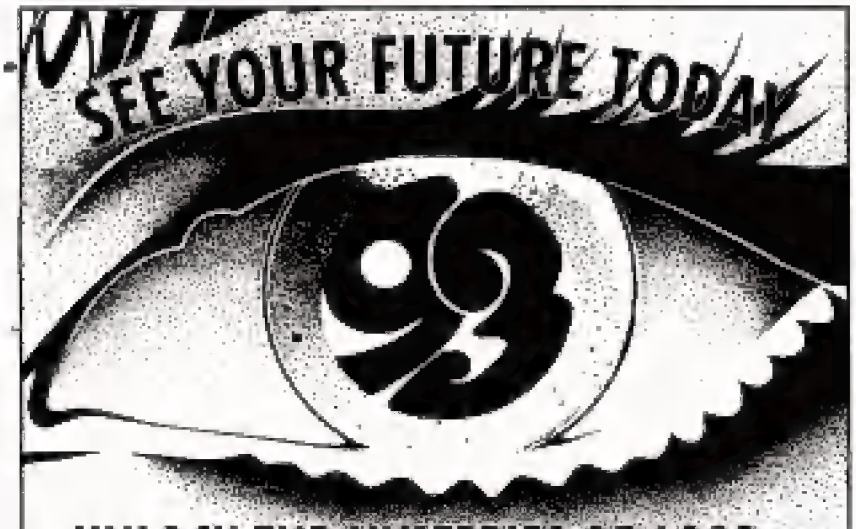
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Christ died at 3 p.m. April 3, say experts!

After their exhaustive study of the Bible, ancient calendars and astronomical conditions, two scientists have determined that Jesus Christ was crucified at 3 p.m. on Friday April 3 in 33 A.D.

The exact date of the crucifixion has been debated for centuries, but now British scholars Colin Humphreys and W.G. Waddington believe they have solved the mystery.

The scientists said that previously the only certainty about the date of the crucifixion was that it occurred between 26 A.D. and 36 A.D., during the 10 years Pontius Pilate was the Roman procurator of Judea. In order to pin down the exact date the two scientists reconstructed the Jewish calendar that was used at the time.

Humphreys and Waddington then fixed the date of a lunar eclipse mentioned in the Bible.

The Bible and other historic references said the "moon turned to blood" after the crucifixion took place.

"In our view the phrase probably refers to a lunar eclipse," the scientists said.

Humphreys and Waddington studied records of all lunar eclipses that were visible from Jerusalem between 26 A.D. and 36 A.D. and discovered "there is only one lunar eclipse at Passover time visible from Jerusalem." That eclipse occurred on

ish scientists also found that Passover time was specified on the official festival calendar of Judea.

Roaches live the high life!

Cockroaches are living high on the hog in today's crowded, food-strewn society — and they're getting so tough they can laugh in the face of most bug-control poisons.

"It makes it difficult for somebody to go out and get these critters under control when things are so perfect for them," said scientist Gary Bennett. Recent studies show that the little pests get around a lot more than anyone suspected.

And because people eat in almost every room of the house these days, roaches don't have to stay in the kitchen to find a feast.

"Anyplace you find food,

LOVE-HUNGRY ladies were everywhere on board this cruise ship... and there was no place for a man to hide!

SINGLES CRUISE NIGHTMARE!

By BEATRICE DEXTER / Correspondent

Bachelor Barry Schverr was hospitalized for shock and exhaustion after he took a singles cruise and wound up being the only male among 1,468 female passengers!

The 34-year-old produce distributor from Milwaukee had to be air lifted off the unidentified luxury cruise ship and flown to Houston, a relative of the sick man said. He was in satisfactory condition following treatment with fluids and tranquilizers.

"He became very upset about being the only male passenger on board with all those single, desperate women," said Schverr's sister Connie. "He's very shy and he actually thought he was in danger.

"He told his doctors that the women were fighting over him. He just wasn't able to handle all that attention."

According to Connie, 28, Schverr had been saving up for his dream cruise for three years. He was looking forward to the September voyage. He was to sail the Caribbean, stopping at a number of ports for sight-seeing and shopping.

'I was the only man on a ship of 1,468 sex-crazed women!'

The timid bachelor was secretly hoping he'd meet the woman of his dreams on the trip, Connie said. But when the ship sailed and he went from his cabin to the dining room for dinner, he was dumbstruck to discover he was the only male passenger on board.

"He said he walked into the ship's dining room and silence fell," said Connie. "Every woman in the place — and there were hundreds of them — turned to look at him.

"When he sat down at his table, a dozen desperate gals rushed up to talk to him and asked if they could sit at his table. The ladies were so frantic they began tearing at his clothes."

Schverr was so upset he couldn't eat, Connie said, and went out to the upper deck for a swim in the pool. Once again he was mobbed by crowds of women.

"All the rest of the day and evening people were knocking at his door," Connie said.

"He told me he began having a phobic reaction. He started having heart palpitations. He was scared he was going to die. He finally called the ship's doctor and told him he thought he was having a heart attack. They sent a helicopter to take him off the ship. Fortunately, when he got to Houston they decided it was just shock that had made him feel so awful."

Schverr is contemplating suing the cruise ship line for acute emotional distress, Connie said, and has had to see a psychiatrist to treat the lingering effects of his traumatic experience.

"He says he can't go anywhere there are groups of women. If Barry does he gets

BARRY'S SISTER Connie says he

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ARE MEN obsolete? Space shuttles will be manned by all-female crews by as early as 1995, experts reveal.

FEMALE RECRUIT in training for NASA's astronaut corps.

By BEATRICE DEXTER / *Special correspondent*

A top-secret memo leaked to the *Weekly World News* reveals that the first man on Mars is going to be a woman — because NASA plans to eliminate all male astronauts by the year 1995!

Experts at the space agency say work by French astrophysicist Joel Pilliet proves gals are far superior to guys when it comes to surviving in space. The University of Aix-Marseilles professor says a woman's temperament and physical attributes are better for long, tedious journeys outside the Earth's atmosphere, and NASA officials are so convinced by his theories they're putting them into practice.

SALLY Ride proved that women astronauts are superior!

"Women are superior to men because they can coexist for years in the cramped quarters of their spacecraft without the frustration or aggression we would see in male crews," Pilliet says.

"Their resistance to stress and tolerance for shared living will keep them in shape mentally. Their healthier bodies and greater longevity will encrew will return to Earth safely years later."

Pilliet's views, first expressed several years ago at a meeting of the European Satellite and Rocket Consortium, are now totally accepted at NASA. As a result, recruitment of female astronauts has been stepped up over the past few years and male candidates won't be accepted at all after mid-1983.

While officials at the U.S. space agency refuse to comment on their plans, sources say the ban on males is already in the works and soon only all-female crews will rocket off on missions to the stars.

"We have long known that women are in many ways stronger than men," said Pilliet when he was informed of

has needed women to survive to nurture the young and ensure human survival. Men are high-strung and aggressive to guarantee that strong males can defend their families.

"In outer space, where a typical trip to another planet might take years, we need the quiet strength and patience of women — not the macho competition found among males.

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Singing bat is going on concert tour!

By SANDRA LEE / Correspondent

A boogie-woogie bat named Alvie already has four hit records under his wing and is getting ready to start his first European concert tour!

And if the tour is a success, the beady-eyed bat could be bringing his act to the United States early in 1993.

"We never dreamed we could take a bat and turn him into a superstar overnight, but that's just what's happened," said astonished Saul Boota, sales manager for Spain's Bravissimo Records.

"This little guy is really incredible. He's got almost perfect pitch and a singing style that's all his own."

Alvie's hits all reached the top 10 on European music charts, with his version of *Great Balls of Fire* going all the way to No. 1.

If he tours in the U.S. his previous hits will likely be released here.

The cave-dwelling crooner got his big break when animal lover Alfredo Vega found him hobbling through the wilds outside Zaragosa, Spain.

"He'd hurt his wing pretty bad, so my wife and I took him home and fixed him up," Alfredo recalled. "People think bats are nasty creatures, but Alvie is the most loving little guy you could imagine.

"He wanted to spend all his time with us, and pretty soon he was singing along to all our favorite records. He sounded like a nice little voice for a bat. He liked all kinds of music, but he was crazy about Jerry Lee Lewis and Carmen Miranda."

Alfredo was so sure he had a star on his hands, he called a buddy at Bravissimo Records. The next day, a couple of talent scouts were dispatched to audition the rocking runt.

"Our talent boys were griping about having to go listen to some screwy bat sing, but the minute they heard him they changed their tune," sales manager Saul told a reporter.

"They rushed him into the studio and the next thing we knew, he was making hit records. A concert tour is the next logical step — and we're sure it'll be a huge success."

MUSICAL bat Alvie has had four hit records and will be going on a concert tour soon, says proud owner Alfredo Vega, below.

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Teen tragedy!

By BEATRICE DEXTER
Correspondent

A desperate teenager was so ashamed of her out-of-wedlock pregnancy that she gave herself an abortion — and wound up charged with the murder of her fetus!

Maria De Santos, 16, was arrested by police in Lima, Peru, after doctors treated her for hemorrhaging. Authorities say her unborn child had developed for 19 weeks in her womb before the girl dislodged it with crude, homemade instruments.

"This is a double tragedy," said police spokesman Antonio Rizas. "The baby was murdered by his mother — a child herself — faces as much as 30 years in jail.

"Abortion is illegal in our country and we have no choice but to prosecute abortionists when we uncover their activities. The fact that this girl performed the abortion on herself makes no difference. She must be punished."

According to authorities, Maria had been dating a fellow student in her Catholic school and the two had become physically involved. The 11th grader began missing her periods and realized she was expecting a baby — something her strict parents would never have accepted, police say.

Desperate to escape her parents' wrath, Maria decided to terminate the pregnancy by giving herself an abortion, according to officials. The girl went home sick from school one day in November while her parents were away from the house and, using a metal hanger and a knitting needle, gave herself a crude abortion. Then she

badly and was bleeding so profusely that she became frightened she would die," Rizas said.

"She went to a local hospital, where doctors stopped the bleeding. It was apparent to them that the girl's internal injuries came from a recent abortion and this was reported to the police.

"We questioned the girl and after a short while she admitted that she had done the abortion herself. We had to arrest her."

Rizas says the abortion teen has been released to the custody of her parents and will be tried early next year.

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By ROBERT MOORE / *Special correspondent*

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All you have to do is whip up a batch of delicious onion soup and eat it whenever you like.

The diet also allows you to enjoy a surprising variety of fruits, meats, vegetables and salads while the pounds literally melt away.

"One of the best things about the diet is that you'll be getting all the vitamins, minerals and proteins you need to feel your best during the hectic holiday season," said Marie Clement, the French nutritionist who developed the Onion Diet.

"It's also a no-fail proposition," she added. "Because you are allowed to eat hearty onion soup throughout the day, you never feel hungry — even while you are drastically reducing your intake of calories."

You should always consult a doctor before going on any diet. But if you follow the plan to the letter, you can easily lose 10 pounds in 10 days flat — and look like a million bucks for Christmas.

Here's a quick and easy recipe for onion soup, which is the cornerstone of the diet. You'll need to make a batch each morning. Be sure to keep it in an insulated container so that it will be nice and hot as you sip it throughout the day.

BASIC ONION SOUP

Chop 8 large onions and place them in a large pan with 2½ pints water. Add 1 pound green beans and 1 pound okra, or 1 pound corn and 1 pound chopped cabbage. Add 1 bouillon cube, chicken or beef flavor, and pepper to taste.

Boil mixture for four minutes. Remove vegetables, run them through a blender and return them to the broth. Store in your insulated container.

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DAY 2

Sip onion soup all day long. Have a mixed green salad with lemon juice and pepper dressing for lunch and dinner. Up to three cups tea with lemon.

DAY 3

In addition to onion soup, you may have fresh fruit or green salad at each meal, including breakfast. Tea with lemon.

DAY 4

For lunch and dinner, you may have a small to medium piece of broiled or baked lean meat, fish or fowl. Have a green salad with lemon juice and pepper dressing. Up to three cups tea with lemon. You may have tea along with your daily intake of onion soup.

DAY 5

Divide 12 ounces of grilled, fat-free meat and five tomatoes into three meals. Once again, sip your soup and have up to three cups of tea.

DAY 6

Eat all the fat-free meat and green salad you need to satisfy your appetite at each meal. Sip soup and tea as desired throughout the day.

DAY 7

Eat onion soup with three tablespoons plain boiled rice mixed in for breakfast, lunch and dinner. You may sip a fourth batch of soup, without rice, throughout the day. Drink fruit juices as desired.

DAYS 8, 9 AND 10

WHEN I TOLD MY HUBBY: 'IT'S ME OR THE PIG...'

WEARY Edna Denholm was fed up with the porker.

He picked the PIG!

THE CHOICE was easy, says pig-loving Albie Denholm who moved out with his oinker when his wife issued an ultimatum.

Stubborn hubby Albie Denholm didn't bat an eye when his weary wife ordered him to choose between her and his pet pig Iggy. The flabbergasted factory hand just picked up Iggy and hit the road.

By JOE BERGER
Staff writer

"I never dreamed Edna'd ever give me an ultimatum like that and it really torqued me off," said obstinate Albie, 35.

"She knows I love my pig and it wasn't right to pin me down and make me choose who I loved the most. She did, though — and it turned out the decision wasn't really that tough after all."

But fed up Edna insists she had no choice — that her devil-may-care mate and his grunting buddy were driving her to drink.

"The damn animal would go outside and wallow around in the mud all day, and the minute Albie'd come home from work, he'd drag the filthy thing indoors with him," the miffed missus told reporters at their home outside Gary, Ind.

"So I'd work all day getting the house looking presentable and 30 seconds after Albie got there, Iggy would be up in the middle of the couch, turning it into his own private pigsty.

"The only time that critter ever got a bath was when Albie'd settle down for a soak and take Iggy right into the tub with him. And it got so I never, ever kissed my husband anymore — because his face was always muddy from kissing his pig."

The love affair between Albie and his oinker began 18 months ago when unsuspecting Edna, 34, bought the sweetheart of a swine for her husband's birthday.

"Iggy was just a cute little piglet back then and the whole family was just wild about him," the mortified mom recalled. "He followed us around like a little puppy dog, begging to be petted.

"But overnight he got big as a horse and started eating up the furniture and eating up the carpet and causing holy hell."

Desperate Edna tried to banish the pethellied porker to a pen out back, but her hog-crazy hubby put his foot down.

"I let her keep him outside while I was at work because I was scared she'd get mad and make pork chops out of him someday," said easygoing Albie. "But when I was there, I wanted him in the house so we could watch TV together and stuff.

"I could see Edna getting more and more upset as time went on, especially when I let Iggy sleep with us on cold nights." Finally, the frustrated lady told Albie that either the pig was history or she was.

"I told her in that case, Iggy and I'd be on our way," said the skedaddling dad. "Now me and the pig got our own little place across town."

And sad-eyed Edna's left shaking her head in despair.

"I guess I just never dreamed he'd choose the pig over me," she said with a sigh.

Vat's all, folks!

Dead drunk is about the best way to describe Armando Arena, 18, who fell into a vat of wine while he was guzzling chianti at a winery in Florence, Italy. He drowned

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Whistler's gentle mother was off her rocker!

IT'S OFFICIAL: Little old lady was tough as nails!

FAMOUS portrait of Whistler's mother.

By GARY LANG
Correspondent

Aside from being a priceless work of art, the oil painting of James McNeill Whistler's mother is the symbol of sentiment for Mother's Day. But don't be fooled by the gentle-looking old lady in the lace-trimmed headcap — she was one tough cookie!

Some experts say Whistler's mother was a domineering power-crazy crone who used the Bible and threats of hell to control the people she met. And, unlike most women of her era, she was a lousy cook.

"I've tried the recipes in her cookbook," said art expert David Park Curry, "and the dishes are all terribly heavy. You might not want to have dinner with her, but after she was left a widow she held the family together through great determination, marrying her daughter off to a famous doctor in England and encouraging her cantankerous son to become a great artist."

Mrs. Whistler, born in Wilmington, N.C., in 1804, wanted her son to follow his father's military career, but he flunked out of West Point because he couldn't pass chemistry.

developed a strong attachment to her while they lived in Paris and London for many years.

Eventually, he painted the picture that was to become known throughout the art world as "Whistler's Mother," and when the French government purchased the work, it established him as an internationally recognized talent.

Though some critics of the time voiced concern that Whistler's painting failed to show his mother's true character, it seemed not to bother the artist.

"One does like to make one's mummy look as nice as possible," he once said.

RENOWN PAINTER James McNeill Whistler.

Surgery to stop snoring makes honker go haywire, claims suit!

A man who underwent surgery to cure his snoring has filed a lawsuit claiming he now snores and whistles in his sleep and sprays food out his nose when he eats!

The Zurich, Switzerland, man says he had an operation to correct his snoring problem in 1991 but that it only aggravated his problem. He says he now "snores worse than he did before the surgery, now whistles in his sleep, now unexpectedly and uncontrollably sprays food and water out of his nose while attempting to eat."

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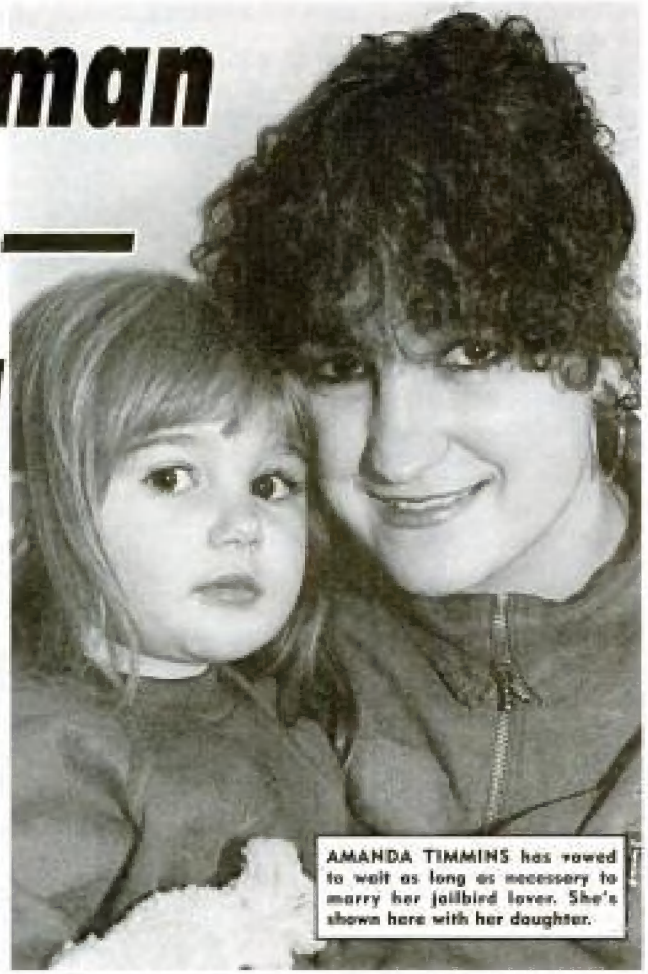

AMANDA TIMMINS has vowed to wait as long as necessary to marry her jailbird lover. She's shown here with her daughter.

By SUSAN JIMISON
Staff writer

Pretty Amanda Timmins will have to wait awhile before settling down with the man of her dreams — because he's in jail for murdering his wife!

The young mom from Parkend, England, fell in love with killer Bobby Downs, a former Death Row convict who faces 28 years in a Florida prison.

"I believe he will be out in 10 years," says Amanda, 21, who has a 2-year-old daughter from a teenage romance. "That doesn't seem too long to wait for me. Anyway, I love him and I am prepared to wait as long as it takes."

Downs murdered his wife Nicole in a jealous rage several years ago, shooting her three times in the head in front of their two horrified kids. He was convicted and scheduled for execution, but his life was spared after an appeal and he was given a 28-year sentence. Shortly afterward he got his first letter from Amanda, who asked to be his pen pal.

The two began a long correspondence and eventually fell in love.

They have never met face-to-face and they've never even spoken on the phone — but neither that nor the 5,000 miles that separates them could keep their romance from blossoming.

KILLER BOBBY DOWNS

"I know Bobby's crime was bad, but he was drunk and on drugs at the time," says Amanda.

"I know that some people think our love is strange and it makes me angry when they say I'm wasting my life. It's not a waste of time. The men around here are a waste of time."

As for Bobby's horrifying crime, tenderhearted Amanda is sure that's behind him now and that his love for her has changed him for the better.

"He's admitted what he did and he is genuinely sorry," she says. "I believe that. Besides, Bobby is a very polite person. He trusts me and he wouldn't hurt me."

Letters to Amanda from love-stricken Bobby reveal he's wild about his pretty pen pal and can't wait to marry her. He has sent her a simple silver ring and a photo of himself, along with love notes full of compliments and plans for their future. Still, many of Amanda's friends and relatives worry that the jealousy that led Bobby to kill his first wife might one day endanger Amanda.

Young mom hasn't even met her jailbird lover!

And a phrase from one of Bobby's love letters does nothing to remove this fear:

"Whenever we do get married, can I count on you to never fool around and be faithful to me as I will promise you I will be?" the wife killer asks.

The question makes young Amanda's worried friends wonder what Bobby would do to her if the two lovebirds finally wed and he came to believe she had betrayed him with an-

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GRAY — You are cautious, serving judgment on a subject until all the facts are in. Once you make a decision you stick to it and speak up, defending your points.

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Maternity ward shocker!

MOMS SWAP THEIR

ODOR EATER

Stinky-sneaker judge Hank Farmer of Newburyport, Mass., gets a whiff of a semi-final contender in a Hall of Fumes competition.

New mom Irene Denkirk gave birth to a little boy she didn't want — so she swapped babies with another dissatisfied mom and got the baby girl of her dreams!

Now while Irene, 31, cuddles her new daughter Crystal, the other mom — 26-year-old Shannon Kross — coos over the baby boy she received in the trade. Both moms say they're delighted with the bizarre deal.

"We're making the switch legal next month," Irene says, "but we went ahead and made the exchange before that because we wanted to bond with our kids.

"Neither Shannon nor I have had second thoughts about what we did — we're just so happy to get a baby of the sex we wanted.

"I've had three sons already and I was dying for a daughter. Shannon has two girls and this was her last chance to have a boy.

"For us, the baby swap was a way to fulfill our dreams."

Friends and neighbors of the Fresno, Calif., women were shocked when they heard of the swap.

But the husbands of both women say they support the exchange and are delighted with their new "adopted" babies.

By SALLY CARRUBBA
Correspondent

According to the women's lawyers, there's no law against switching babies as long as all parties to the exchange are in agreement.

"I've been praying for a baby girl for seven years now, so when my third little boy was born I just got so depressed," says Irene.

"I knew I wasn't going to have any more kids and I

FRIENDS and neighbors of the two California women were shocked when Shannon traded Crystal, left, to Irene for Zak.

NEWBORN BABIES!

One wanted a boy—and one wanted a girl!

felt like such a failure not to be able to produce a daughter.

"While I was in the hospital my sister teased me about swapping my son for a girl — and I thought, 'Why not?'

"I put out the word among the new moms and two days later I heard from Shannon."

After meeting and discussing their plans for several days, the two moms switched babies in October.

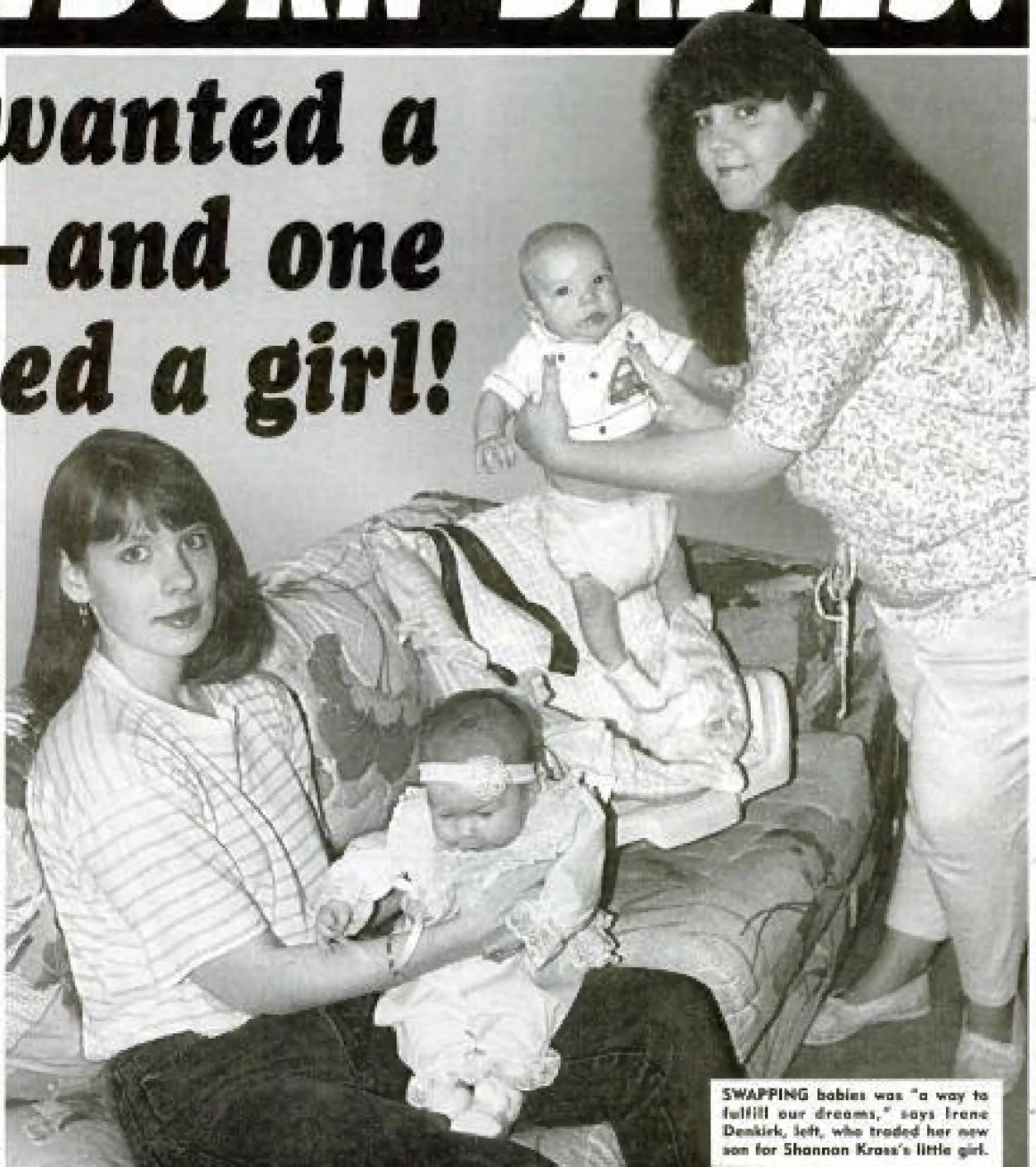
The exchange was tinged with sadness, they admit, but once the new babies were home and settled, both families were overjoyed with their infants.

"I have visited Irene's home and I know she will be good to the child I gave birth to," says Shannon, who named her new son Zak.

"And she feels the same way about me. What's more, we plan to keep in close touch so we can watch our biological children grow.

"Plenty of people have told us they think we're crazy for swapping babies. But Irene and I agree on this. We think we're much better mothers because we have the kids we wanted instead of kids whose sex disappointed us.

"It's already working so fantastically. I don't see why other



SWAPPING babies was "a way to fulfill our dreams," says Irene Denkirk, left, who traded her new son for Shannon Kraus's little girl.

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